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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For : **AUTOMATED PROVISIONING SYSTEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the claims, cancel claim 15 and add new claims 16 and 17 as set forth below:

1. (Amended) An information management system comprising a directory server [which is] connected to a service manager, [with] the service manager being adapted to manage information for directory enabled components whereby the service manager is adapted to read/write information to the directory server in response to specific entity profiles.

2. (Amended) An information management system according to claim 1, in which the entity profile comprises a base profile.

3. (Amended) An information management system according to claim 2, in which the base profile [also] further comprises an extension profile.

4. (Amended) An information management system according to claim[s] 2 [and 3] in which the entity profile comprises a combination of one or more base profiles and extension profiles.

5. (Amended) An information management system according to claim[s] 2 [3 or 4] in which the end user is dynamically associated with infrastructure and applications via one or more base profiles and extension profiles.

6. (Amended) An information management system according to claim 1, in which the [APS] information management system further comprises a Virtual Private Directory or domain management capability.